

1-1 By: Harris S.B. No. 716
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 716 By: Harris

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the periodic review of the child support guidelines.
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12 SECTION 1. Section 111.001, Family Code, is amended to read
1-13 as follows:
1-14 Sec. 111.001. REVIEW OF GUIDELINES. (a) Prior to each
1-15 regular legislative session, the standing committees of each house
1-16 of the legislature having jurisdiction over family law issues shall
1-17 review and, if necessary, recommend revisions to the guidelines for
1-18 possession of and access to a child under Chapter 153 [~~and for~~
1-19 ~~support of a child under Chapter 154~~]. The committee shall report
1-20 the results of the review and shall include any recommended
1-21 revisions in the committee's report to the legislature.
1-22 (b) ~~At least once every four years [Not later than December~~
1-23 ~~1 of each even-numbered year], the Title IV-D agency shall review~~
1-24 ~~the child support guidelines under Chapter 154 as required by 42~~
1-25 ~~U.S.C. Section 667(a) and report the results of the review and any~~
1-26 ~~recommendations for any changes to the guidelines and their manner~~
1-27 ~~of application [submit a report] to the standing committees of each~~
1-28 ~~house of the legislature having jurisdiction over family law issues~~
1-29 ~~[for use by the committee in conducting the review required by~~
1-30 ~~Subsection (a). The report must contain:~~
1-31 ~~[(1) economic data obtained from the United States~~
1-32 ~~Department of Agriculture on the cost of raising children;~~
1-33 ~~[(2) an analysis of case data on the application of and~~
1-34 ~~deviations from the child support guidelines; and~~
1-35 ~~[(3) a summary of any federal legislation enacted~~
1-36 ~~since the date of the last review].~~
1-37 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2013, the Title IV-D
1-38 agency shall submit the initial report required by Subsection (b),
1-39 Section 111.001, Family Code, as amended by this Act.
1-40 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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